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Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 page), in duplicate;
3. Copy of cited reference (1 references); and
4. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon.

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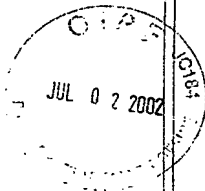
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, applicants' undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the following reference. A copy of the reference as well as Form PTO/SB/08A is attached hereto. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

U.S. Patent No. 6,393,022 to Hewett et al. discloses a method and apparatus for integrated services digital network user part (ISUP) signaling loopback.

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